REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	07 October 2003
Name of applicant/court:	HQ Joint Forces New Zealand
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	022%5B1%5D[1].jpg
Other Known Title(s):	Not Stated
Director(s):	Not Applicable
Producer(s):	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author(s):	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Image File
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language(s):	English

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running Time:

Trailers: Running Time:

Total Running Time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer image file entitled *022%5B1%5D[1].jpg* is classified as: Objectionable.

The computer image file is an explicit photographic image of a man engaging a child in sexual activity. The image shows the sexual abuse of a child. It puts forward the notion that children are legitimate and acceptable objects of adult sexual fantasy, and that they are appropriate sexual partners for adult men and in doing so promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The classification of the publication interferes with the freedom of expression, as outlined in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of "a free and democratic society" to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

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